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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SHELLING OF SOUTH LEBANESE TOWN OF NABATIYEH

REF: USDAO BEIRUT 0768

1. LEBANESE ARMY DEPUTY COS FOR COPERATIONS (KANAAN)
TOLD EMBOFF NOV 14 THAT LAST NIGHT'S ISRAELI SHELLING OF
NABATIYEH WOUNDED ONLY FOUR PERSON (2 LEBANESE AND 2
PALESTINIANS), IN ADDITION TO CAUSING THREE DEATHS REPORTED
REFTEL. HE COULD NOT CONFIRM ISRAELI CLAIM THAT FEDAYEEN
HAD EARLIER ROCKETED ISRAELI SETTLEMENT AT QIRYAT SHEMONA,
SINCE RAINY WEATHER AND POOR VISIBILITY MADE MADE OBSER-
VATION IN THAT AREA DIFFICULT MOST OF NOV 13.

2. COMMENT: WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT DISSIDENT FEDAYEEN
ELEMENTS MAY HAVE USED OPENING OF UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE
TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR "REJECTION" OF PLO LEADERSHIP'S POLICIES
IN DEFIANCE OF STRICT ORDERS FROM FEDAYEEN HIGH COMMAND TO
CURTAKL BORDER ACTIVITIES FOR TIME BEING. AT SAME TIME, WE
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NOTE THAT SHELLING OF NABATIYEH IS SECOND TIME SINCE OCT 5

(BLIDA INCIDENT) THAT IDF HAS DELIBERATELY TARGETED ON A
LEBANESE CIVILIAN SETTLEMENT IN REATLIATION FOR FEDAYEEN
BORDER OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. WE CAN NOT HELP WONDERING--
ALONG WITH GOL OFFICIALS--IF THIS INTENSIFICATION MIGHT ALSO
REFLECT INCREASING ISRAELI RAGE OVER RISE OF PLO'S POLITICAL
FORTUNES AS RESULT OF RABAT SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND CURRENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK.
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